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Disbursal of Scholarship Money
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether switching over to direct transfer scheme has denied disbursal of scholarship money to 41 lakh minority students across the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken by the Government to disburse scholarship amount to needy minority students;

(c) whether the Government has also decided to use the scholarship funds earmarked for 2015-16 in the next fiscal;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the estimated number of students who are likely to be benefitted therefrom; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to release additional funds to the University Grants Commission for the Maulana Azad National Fellowship to meet the requirement of pending fellowships of minority students and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): No, Madam.

(b) to (d): National Scholarship Portal was launched to provide one stop end-to-end IT platform for registration, transfer, sanction and payment of all Central Govt. scholarships during 2015-16. However, due to administrative problems in the field and technical glitches in the Portal developed by Center for Good Governance (CGG), only 38.87 lakh scholarships was disbursed in last financial year i.e. 2015-16.

Government has decided to disburse remaining scholarships of the year 2015-16 during the current year 2016-17. For this purpose, an amount of Rs. 936.91 crore has been kept in a separate bank account especially opened to disburse the remaining scholarships to approximately 41 lakh students.

(e): Yes, Madam, Ministry had already released the amount of Rs.5.75 crore as additional funds to University Grants Commission during the year 2015-16 to meet the requirement of pending fellowships of minority students.

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